

SPANISH-SPEAKING AFFAIRS (EXCERPT)
Act 164 of 1975

18.302 Commission on Spanish-speaking affairs; establishment; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; election of officers; vacancy; meetings; compensation; quorum.

Sec. 2. (1) A commission on Spanish-speaking affairs is established within the department of labor and economic growth. The commission shall consist of 15 members appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The commission shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and other officers from its members as it deems advisable.

(2) Members of the commission shall be Spanish-speaking and of Spanish-speaking origin. Members shall be appointed from urban, suburban, and rural geographical areas representative of the Spanish-speaking people throughout this state.

(3) The term of each member shall be 3 years. Of the members first appointed, 5 shall serve for 3-year terms, 5 shall serve for 2-year terms, and 5 shall serve for a 1-year term. A vacancy shall be filled by the governor in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

(4) The commission shall meet not less than 12 times during each calendar year. Each member of the commission shall receive per diem compensation as appropriated in the annual budget. Per diem compensation shall be paid only for a full day's commission work at which a quorum is present. A member shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of official business. Reimbursement shall be made in the manner provided by law for state employees.

(5) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum. A majority of the members of the commission is required for final action by the commission. A vacancy in the commission shall not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise the powers of the commission.

History: 1975, Act 164, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1975;—Am. 2004, Act 94, Imd. Eff. May 7, 2004.

Compiler's note: For transfer of authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the commission on Spanish-speaking affairs and office of Spanish-speaking affairs to the director of the department of career development by type I transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2000-3, compiled at MCL 18.311 of the Michigan compiled laws.

For transfer of authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the interagency council on Spanish-speaking affairs to the director of the department of career development by type III transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2000-3, compiled at MCL 18.311 of the Michigan compiled laws.

For restoration of the interagency council on Spanish-speaking affairs, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.